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SUBJECT: ACP SECRETARIAT REQUEST FOR US PRESENTATION
ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS AT INTRA-ACP MEETING

REF: EC BRUSSELS 4411

1. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, THE 52 AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN
AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES (ACPS) OF THE LOME CONVENTION
DECIDED RECENTLY TO ORGANIZE AN INTRA-ACP PROGRAM TO
ASSIST EACH OTHER'S DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. THE
ACPS HAVE SCHEDULED A "TECHNICAL LEVEL" MEETING IN
BANGUI, PROBABLY IN OCTOBER, TO DISCUSS AREAS OF
POSSIBLE COOPERATION. A CENTRAL TOPIC WILL BE DEVELOP-
MENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES.
IN LIGHT OF US EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA, THE DEPUTY

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SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ACP SECRETARIAT IN BRUSSELS,
CARRINGTON, HAS INFORMALLY PROPOSED TO MISSION THAT
US MIGHT CONSIDER MAKING A PRESENTATION ON ITS TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES AND PLANS TO THE BANGUI
MEETING. CARRINGTON HAS IN MIND ONE OR TWO AID
TELECOMMUNICATION EXPERTS PRESENTING A PAPER
AND PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSIONS N THIS AGENDA TOPIC.

2. MISSION OFFICER CONSULTED WITH EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MEETING. THEY ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO SEND TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO MEETING, BUT ARE RELUCTANT TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO ACP REQUEST THAT EC HELP PAY COSTS OF MEETING. EC OFFICIALS ARE DOUBTFUL ABOUT PROSPECTS OF INTRA-ACP COOPERATION, BECAUSE ACPS HAVE MEAGER RESOURCES, THEY LACK DIRECTION, AND BANGUI IS THE WRONG PLACE TO LAUNCH SUCH AN ENTERPRISE. NEVERTHELESS, THEY NOTE THAT THIS IS A UNIQUE SELF-HELP EFFORT AMONG LDCS AND IT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH POSSIBLE US TECHNICAL-LEVEL PARTICIPATION IN MEETING.

3. COMMENT: THIS MEETING COULD BE A GOOD FORUM TO EXPLAIN US TELECOMMUNICATION PROJECTS AND PLANS IN AFRICA, THE CARIBBEAN AND THE PACIFIC. IT WOULD ALSO HELP DEMONSTRATE US INTEREST IN COOPERATING, AS APPROPRIATE, WITH THE ACPS AS A GROUP. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IF AID IS INTERESTED IN PURSUING CARRINGTON'S PROPOSAL. MORRIS

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